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MATERIEL WEEKLY ACTIVITIES REPORT

1. Granger Black Box: Test equipment spares in support of the Granger Black Box, as recommended by the contractor, have been screened and a determination reached that approximately \$4,000 per set can be procured from Air Force stocks. Operational spares in support of the additional five black boxes are being screened at the present time for further possible savings.

2. Q270 Seat Pack: LAC Engineering Change Proposal-47, Q270 Seat Pack, is being held in abeyance pending a more perfected regulator. This is in consonance with [redacted] request.

3. Mark III Hand Controls: FOG has initiated a requirement for production of additional Mark III Hand Controls. Such a requirement has existed within CHALICE for approximately one year. This requirement is in the neighborhood of eight additional hand controls. Distribution is one per assigned article, one spare at each overseas detachment and two for Depot stocks. There has been no proposal submitted to date by Baird Atomic. Upon receipt of such a proposal a program approval will be submitted. Hand controls in present inventories are beginning to show signs of wear from normal usage and constant transfer from one article to another as required. There are presently nine in CHALICE inventories.

5. Watertown: Discussions were held with Mr. Kelly Johnson in regard to requirements of runway, parking area and run-up pad to be constructed at Watertown. These requirements were later discussed with the engineering staff of Reynolds Electric Engineering Company in Las Vegas, Nevada who in turn will submit an estimate of cost in the near future.

Discussions were held with the Bell Telephone Company regarding the poor service from the new communications installation between Watertown and Mercury.

[redacted] General Manager of the telephone company of Nevada, assured us that everything possible was being done to correct the failures experienced in the past few weeks. At present the service seems to be very good. [redacted] stated that they would continue to work on this until all deficiencies are corrected. He will submit a report within the next few days on failures and corrective action taken or anticipated.

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9. Helio Aircraft: The Helio factory was contacted to expedite approximately twelve line items to this Headquarters to fill immediate requirements of the XI unit and also in support of the float plane [redacted]. The open-end contract with Helio is to be signed this week, 16 December 1959. Contracting officer will be [redacted] of OI/Procurement Division.

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